

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

September 9, 2010

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Drew Di Sessa, Robert Jewell, Kathy Todd, Orson Kirk, Becky Harm, Jennifer Keggan, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent: RJ Streng, Sherrie Tromp, and Michele Largman

Construction & Demolition Ordinance – Mr. Di Sessa reviewed the Construction & Demolition Ordinance and discussed issues regarding same. This ordinance is worth 10 points with Sustainable NJ. The following applications are exempt:

1. Roofing projects that do not include the tear-off of the existing roof.
2. Installation, replacement, or repair of a retaining wall.
3. Installation, replacement, or repair of a carport, patio cover, balcony, trellis, or fireplace.
4. Installation, replacement, or repair of deck.
5. Installation, replacement, or repair of a fence.
6. Installation, replacement, or repair of a swimming pool or a spa.
7. Installation, replacement, or repair of a pre-fabricated sign which does not require modification to the structure to which the sign is attached.
8. Installation, replacement, or repair of storage racks.
9. Permitted Projects and/or construction which require only an electrical permit, only a plumbing permit, or only a mechanical permit.
10. Any Minor permitted application may be exempted at the discretion of the municipal Zoning Officer, Certified Recycling Professional, or Building Code Official.

Mr. Jewell suggested that demolition due to fire damage should also be included in the exempt category. The ordinance as written states that 50% of the materials to be generated will be separated and recycled. There is a sample ordinance on the Sustainable web-site which states that 60% of materials are to be separated and recycled. Mr. Jewell felt that 50% was a high percentage and suggested that 35% would be more obtainable.

Wind Ordinance - A wind ordinance is also worth 10 points with Sustainable NJ. There were numerous concerns regarding this ordinance (noise, appearance, etc.). Mr. Di Sessa advised that a wind energy system is not a permitted use and that some type of site plan may be required. It was stated that at this time wind energy systems are getting some bad press. Mr. Jewell thought that Lebanon Township has a wind or solar ordinance in place. Mrs. Fascenelli will check with Lebanon Township and obtain copy of same.

The members requested that the above ordinances be emailed to them along with an executed Construction and Demolition Ordinance from another township. Mrs. Fascenelli will email the requested information.

Mr. Di Sessa requested permission to release email addresses of the Green Team members to Sustainable NJ. All members were in agreement.

Members will review the Actions for Sustainable Communities and decide which category they have an interest in pursuing.

Mrs. Fascenelli advised that the Township has changed their electric service to Viridian. Viridian utilizes 20% from green sources.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

JoAnn Fascenelli